(b) what are the qualifications of the others and Miss Thankam ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyr.—(a) and (b) Vide list appended *(Appendix VI.)*

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Was there any body in the service who could have been promoted to the post besides the one who has been appointed, persons with greater qualifications and service?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The question is somewhat ambiguous? This is the juniormost post in the College. The seniority of hands in the High School Department was not considered in making this appointment. It is a practice definitely given up after the bifurcation of the College and the School Departments.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, whether this appointment in the professorial staff was not made in deference to the opinion of this House that there may be a fair sprinkling of ladies also in the College staff?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Miss. P. Meenakshikutty Ammah.— Have the Government in any way profitted by the appointment of a lady in the College?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—We have profitted to the extent of Rs. 30/-.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Is any special preference given to persons holding English Qualification (Oxon)?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—English qualification certainly deserves to be considered. But there was a slight error here. The gentleman who is a Master of Arts of the Oxford University had applied under the impression that the vacancy was in the professorial cadre. This is an assistant lecturer's post on Rs. 80/-. It is because the question asked for a list of all the persons who had applied, that I put it down here.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—May I know Sir, whether the Director of Public Instruction has made a recommendation with regard to the person who has been appointed?

Mr. President.—That kind of question cannot be asked. I have repeatedly said that.

Municipal Commissioner—appointment of.

58. Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Will the Government be pleased

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to state whether the Government propose to appoint Commissioners to the Municipalities of Ernakulam, Mattancheri and Trichur?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Not at present.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—May I know whether the Government proposed to appoint any one in any Municipality?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Government do not want to make any statement on that matter now.

Caste-war statement of the office staff of the Superintendent of Agriculture and the Conservator of Forests.

59. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—Will the Government be pleased to give a caste-war statement of the office staff of.—

(1) the Superintendent of Agriculture;

(2) the Conservator of Forests?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Caste-war statement of the office staff of

(1) The Superintendent of Agriculture.—

Nayars	8
Brahmin	1
Ambalavasi (Warriar)	1
Christians	2

(2) The Conservator of Forests.—

Hindu (Brahmin)	10
do (Namboodiri Brahmin)	1
do (Kshatriya)	1
do (Nayar)	19
do (Ambalavasi)	1
do (Ezhuva)	1
do (Ezhuthassan)	1
Muslim	1
Christian	1

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—Were not applications received from Ezhuva candidates during the last 2 years ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—With reference to the portion pertaining to my office staff, I would say that appointments were made before I took charge of the office.

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